

Minutes of Meeting **Motor Vehicle Dealer Board**

The Motor Vehicle Dealer Board special meeting was called to order by Board Chair Gerald Lackey, PhD at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025. This meeting was conducted at the Department of Motor Vehicles, 2300 W. Broad Street, Executive Conference Room 702, Richmond, Virginia.

The following Board members were present:

Gerald Lackey, PhD.
Joe Gopaul
Ed Maulbeck
Dick Myers
Tim Pohanka
Kevin Reynolds
Jeff Ryer
Don Sullivan
Andrew Wiley

The following Board members were absent:

Tom Barton
Tom Bates
M'Lissa Dunn
Chip Lindsay
Chris Maher

The following MVDB staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Interim Executive Director Melanie Lester
Latasha Hill
Michael Thornton
Tenisha Wallace

The following other individuals were present for all or part of the meeting:

Cynthia Clark
Kelley Smith

Janet Baugh and Alexander Page represented the Attorney General's office.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – No old business from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS – Presenting new Executive Director for vote by the Board. Tim Pohanka moved to nominate Kelley Smith as the Executive Director for the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board. Kevin Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Chair Lackey reported Interim Executive Director Melanie Lester would aide in transition of duties and thanked her for her outstanding performance in her role as Interim Executive Director.

Dick Myers inquired on the frequency of meetings and if it was in statute. The Board discussed that only four (4) meetings per year were required by statute and often meetings are canceled if there are no cases or no agenda items to discuss with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – There was no new business from the floor.

NEXT MEETING - Board Chair Lackey suggested the Board continue the January 12, 2026 meeting to March 9, 2026 to arrange for the new Executive Director's transition into the role. The Board voted unanimously to continue the meeting.

ADJOURN - There being no further business to come before the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, Chair Lackey adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.